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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MAY 25, 2018: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Ms. Susan Elizabeth Craig-James, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

2. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of First Citizens Holdings Limited and its Subsidiaries for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**

3. The Audited Financial Statements of National Schools Dietary Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**

4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayor's Fund of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2014.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2006.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

6. The Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2017.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

7. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee for the year ended September 30, 2003.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2012.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Children's Life Fund for the year ended September 30, 2013.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

10. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

11. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Tenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Eastern Regional Health Authority for the financial years 2008 to 2013.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

12. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the Effectiveness of the State's interventions directed at Socially Displaced Persons in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

13. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the Effectiveness of the State's interventions directed at Socially Displaced Persons in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)**

14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an Inquiry into the status of the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 2015 Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Diversity, the Environment and Sustainable Development on the Examination of Programmes and Services which provide support to Victims of Domestic Violence.

**(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)**

15. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Inquiry into the status of the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 2015 Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Diversity, the Environment and Sustainable Development on the Examination of Programmes and Services which provide support to the Victims of Domestic Violence.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

16. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an Inquiry into the Impact on Mental Health and Family Life of Remandees at the Remand Prisons.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the adverse health effects of fireworks.

**(By the Member for Tunapuna)**

2. The Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Water and Sewerage Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the years 2008 to 2013.

**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

3. The Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the years 2012 to 2015.

**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

#### PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### **Questions for Written Answer will appear in Appendix I**

#### **Questions for Oral Answer**

#### **\*Question No. 197 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the status of wage negotiations for the Estate Constables employed by Lake Asphalt Limited for the period 2011 to 2014?

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\* Question Nos. 197, 199 and 215 were deferred for two (2) weeks on May 04, 2018

**\*Question No. 199 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the status of restructuring of the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) in light of the announcement by the President of the Board of Governors, on the November 1, 2017 that UTT would not be able to continue operations beyond January 2018?

**\*Question No. 215 to the Minister of Trade and Industry****(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Could the Minister state if there are plans to establish an industrial park in the Chaguanas East Constituency and if so when?

**Question No. 224 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister state the mechanisms in place for reprimanding police officers who do not respond to domestic violence reports?

**Question No. 225 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state the protocols to ensure the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service responds in a timely and appropriate manner to reports of:

- a) violent neighbours; and
- b) violence of a domestic nature, like spousal abuse?

**Question No. 226 to the Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given that Trinidad and Tobago had 394,650 tourist arrivals in 2017, the lowest number of tourist arrivals in a decade, could the Minister provide the reasons for low number of tourist arrivals in 2017?

**Question No. 227 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 56 on January 12, 2018, could the Minister provide an update on the status of Trinidad and Tobago citizens detained in Iraq?

**Question No. 231 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister indicate the measures in place to ensure that Community Based Environmental Protection Enhancement Programme's equipment is not seized due to the \$148 million debt to contractors and the company's difficulty to make payments to contractors?

**Question No. 232 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

In light of the detention of six Venezuelan nationals in possession of guns and ammunition at Renn Avenue, La Romian on March 24, 2018, what measures are in place to monitor immigrants in Trinidad and Tobago?

**Question No. 233 to the Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

In light of reports indicating that thirty-five (35) PTSC buses were unable to be cleared at the Port of Port of Spain, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the reasons the buses were not cleared;
- b) the total cost of storage fees for these buses; and
- c) whether the buses have been cleared out of customs and put into use to date?

**Question No. 237 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

In light of the incidence of severe unemployment amongst Housing Development Company (HDC) home owners and tenants, could the Minister indicate whether the HDC is considering a moratorium on rent collection and mortgage payments?

**Question No. 238 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister provide a status update on the progress of efforts to operationalize the Couva Children and Adult Hospital?

**Question No. 239 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) the number of official ICC One Day International matches played at the Brian Lara Stadium from its opening on May 12, 2017 to date; and
- b) the number of official ICC Test matches played at the Brian Lara Stadium from its opening on May 12, 2017 to date?

**Question No. 240 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister indicate whether there is a maintenance contract for the Brian Lara Stadium?

**Question No. 241 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the name of contractor who was awarded the contract for the Diego Martin Stadium; and
- b) the procurement process to award the contract for the Diego Martin Stadium?

**Question No. 247 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) the number of applications for drug registrations that are currently pending at the Food and Drugs Division, Ministry of Health; and
- b) the product(s) and application date(s) for each application listed in part (a)?

**Question No. 248 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister indicate whether there are drugs at the nation's public health institutions that were not registered by the Food and Drugs Division, Ministry of Health?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 23, 2018 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** there has been a noticeable decline in the level of investment in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** there has also been a failure by the Government to create job opportunities;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the failure of the Government to present a viable plan to diversify the economy and to place Trinidad and Tobago on the path of sustainable growth.

**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 27, 2018 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** since September 2015 the Government has squandered millions of taxpayer's dollars on the now collapsed sea-bridge;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed in its every attempt to remedy what is now seen as a disaster and an injustice to the travelling public via the sea-bridge;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Works and Transport has utterly failed in discharging his responsibility to adequately manage this primary and vital mode of public transportation;

**AND WHEREAS** the actions, conduct and non-performance of the Minister of Works and Transport in this regard have been the subject of widespread adverse commentary and criticism;

**AND WHEREAS** the procurement and operations of the vessels on the sea bridge since 2015 have been marred by allegations of corruption and nepotism with accompanying stakeholder criticism and public uproar;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Works and Transport has presided over the utilization of vessels with serious safety defects and by so doing risking the lives and health of the public:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House express its lack of confidence in the Minister of Works and Transport and call upon the Prime Minister to revoke the said Minister's appointment forthwith.

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

3. **WHEREAS** climate change is a matter of global concern which threatens the wellbeing of the earth;

**AND WHEREAS** small island states and coastal states are especially susceptible to the impact of climate change;

**AND WHEREAS** the Caribbean region has recently experienced heavy rainfall and devastating hurricanes and Trinidad and Tobago experienced heavy rainfall that led to widespread flooding;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House agree that the Government develop a holistic national response to climate change inclusive of solutions to perennial flooding in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Valuation of Land (Amendment) Bill, 2018 listed in Appendix II be now considered.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018 listed in Appendix III be now considered.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

3. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ("the Act") provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has nominated Ms. Susan Elizabeth Craig-James to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 made a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the nomination of Ms. Susan Elizabeth Craig-James as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*, –

- (a) the management of any community residence...;
- (d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;
- (e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;
- (f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and
- (g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Children’s Community Residences (Children’s Homes) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53(1) of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Children’s Community Residences (Children’s Homes) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

**(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)**

5. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*, –

- (a) the management of any Community Residence...;



- (d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;
- (e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;
- (f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and
- (g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Children’s Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53 of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Children’s Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

**(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)**

6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Thirty-Eighth, Thirty-Ninth and Fortieth Annual Reports of the Ombudsman.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

7. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday February 02, 2018 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** to the office of Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

8. **WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

9. **WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Harold Phillip** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Harold Phillip** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday May 04, 2018 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to make jurisdiction for criminal matters exercisable in a division of the High Court to be known as “the Criminal Division” and to make jurisdiction for criminal and traffic matters exercisable in a division of Summary Courts to be known as “the District Criminal and Traffic Courts” and to make provision for matters connected therewith”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20, the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60, Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34, the Legal Aid and Advice Act, Chap. 7:07, the Child Rehabilitation Centre Act, Chap. 13:05, the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01, the Children Act, Chap. 46:01, the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04, the Children’s Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, and the Family and Children Division Act, 2016”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to combat corruption and other wrongdoings by encouraging and facilitating disclosures of improper conduct in the public and private sector, to protect persons making those disclosures from detrimental action, to regulate the receiving, investigating or otherwise dealing with disclosures of improper conduct and to provide for other matters connected therewith”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to make provision for payments into and out of Court to be made electronically and into and out of a Custodial Bank Account in the name of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Report of the Special Select Committee established to consider and report on the process followed in relation to the Notifications pursuant to section 123 of the Constitution.

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

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**May 21, 2018**



**APPENDIX I****ORDER PAPER FRIDAY MAY 25, 2018****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****\*Question No. 200 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister provide this House with the full list of recommendations made by Price Waterhouse Coopers related to the future of the National Entrepreneurship Company Limited (NIDCO)?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)****\*Question No. 207 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

With respect to the Couva Children's Hospital, could the Minister provide:

- a) a list of all diagnostic imaging equipment currently housed at this facility together with the warranty expiration date for each item; and
- b) provide a list of all laboratory diagnostic equipment currently housed at this facility together with the warranty expiration date for each item? Could the Minister provide the following:

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)****Question No. 210 to the Attorney General****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Attorney General state:

- a) the amount of money spent on legal fees including opinion and advice by the Estate Management Business Development (EMBD) and or the Government since December 2015 to date;
- b) the names of the legal firms and lawyers who provided the said legal services and advice at (a) above together with the amounts paid to each such person or entity since December 2015;
- c) the names of all consultants and/or firms procured to provide technical advice and professional services for all litigation involving the EMBD since December 2015;
- d) the breakdown of the quantum of monies paid to date to all law firms, lawyers, consultants, firms, technical advisors and professional service providers, local and foreign, associated with all litigation involving the EMBD since December 2015;
- e) the breakdown of the quantum of monies owing to all law firms, lawyers, consultants, firms, technical advisors and professional services providers, local and foreign, associated with all litigation involving the EMBD since December 2015?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)**


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\* Question Nos. 200 and 207 were deferred for two (2) weeks on May 10, 2018.

**Question No. 222 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the terms and conditions of Petrotrin's hiring of Dr. Shafeek Sultan Khan as Human Resources/Industrial Relations Consultant?

**(Answer due by 24.05.2018)**

**Question No. 223 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the terms and conditions of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago's hiring of Dr. Shafeek Sultan Khan as Human Resources/Industrial Relations Consultant?

**(Answer due by 24.05.2018)**

**Question No. 228 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the names of all individuals/companies retained as consultants at Petrotrin since July 1, 2017;  
and
- b) the total amount paid to each consultant listed in part (a)?

**(Answer due by 24.05.2018)**

**Question No. 229 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given reports that Caribbean Airlines recently employed eleven (11) new managers, could the Minister state the name, position and the remuneration package for each new manager?

**(Answer due by 24.05.2018)**

**APPENDIX II****The Valuation of Land (Amendment) Bill, 2018**

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the Valuation of Land (Amendment) Bill, 2018 on Thursday April 26, 2018

Clause	Extent of the Amendment
5	<p>Delete subsection (5) and substitute with the following:</p> <p><b>“(5) The Minister may by Order, subject to negative resolution of Parliament, amend Schedule II.”</b></p>
6	<p>A. Delete proposed new section 7 and substitute with the following:</p> <p><b>“ 7. Where the owner of land in Trinidad and Tobago makes a return of land under section 6 and the Commissioner is of the opinion on the basis of that return that the land carries an annual rental value of less than eighteen thousand dollars, he shall record the annual rental value as eighteen thousand dollars.”</b></p> <p>B. Delete proposed new section 7A (1) and substitute with the following:</p> <p><b>“7A. (1) Where the Commissioner is of the view that more than fifty per cent of all land in Trinidad and Tobago has been valued and that the valuations should take effect, he shall notify the Minister in writing.”</b></p>
13	<p>A. Delete Clause 13 and substitute the following:</p> <p><b>“13. Section 21 of the Act is amended –</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(a) by deleting the words “Tax Appeal Board” wherever they occur and substituting the words “Valuation Tribunal”; and</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(b) by inserting after subsection (2), the following new subsection:</b></p> <p><b>“(3) Upon application by an owner or local authority for an extension of time to give Notice of Appeal under subsection (1), the Valuation Tribunal may extend the time prescribed to give notice of appeal on any terms and conditions as it thinks fit.”</b></p>

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A. In proposed section 25A, delete subsections (2) and (3) and substitute the following new subsections:

“ (2) **The Valuation Tribunal shall consist of-**

- (a) a Chairperson who shall be an attorney-at-law with at least ten years experience as an attorney-at-law; and
- (b) four other persons, appointed by the President, two of whom shall have qualifications and experience in the valuation of property.

(3) **The Chairperson of the Valuation Tribunal shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission established under the Judicial and Legal Service Act.**

(4) **At any meeting of the Valuation Tribunal, a quorum is constituted if at least three members are present.”,**

B. In proposed section 25A, renumber subsection (4) as subsection (5).

C. Delete proposed section 25B and substitute the following new section:

<p><b>Suspension or removal of a member of the Valuation Tribunal</b></p>	<p><b>25B. (1) The President, in his discretion, may suspend the Chairperson of the Valuation Tribunal from office on the ground of misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity or for cause.</b></p> <p>(2) The President may suspend a member of the Valuation Tribunal, other than the Chairperson, from office on the ground of misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity or for cause.</p> <p>(3) Where the Chairperson of the Valuation Tribunal becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his creditors or makes an assignment of his remuneration for their benefit, he shall be removed by the President acting in his own discretion.</p> <p>(4) Where a member of the Valuation Tribunal, other than the Chairperson becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his creditors or makes an assignment of his remuneration for their benefit, the President shall remove him from office.</p>
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D. Delete proposed section 25C and substitute the following new section:



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	<p>E. In proposed section 25D, in paragraph (c), delete all the words after the word “resigns”.</p> <p>F. In proposed section 25H delete paragraph (b) and renumber the paragraphs accordingly.</p>				
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**APPENDIX III****The Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018****List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018 on Friday May 11, 2018**

<b>Clause</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>
3	<p>Delete clause 3 and substitute the following:</p> <p>“Section 3. The Act is amended in section 3-3 amended</p> <p>(a) in the definition of “appeal”, by deleting the words “Commissioner upon an objection by the owner of land to a valuation or” and substituting the words “Board upon an objection by the owner of land to an”;</p> <p>(b) by deleting the definition of “capital value”; and</p> <p>(c) in the definition of “Minister”, by deleting the words “the assessment and collection of taxes” and substituting the word “finance”.”.</p>
6	<p>A. In paragraph (a)(iii), in the proposed paragraph (f)-</p> <p>(a) in the chapeau, delete the word “of” and substitute the word “by”; and</p> <p>(b) delete subparagraph (iii) and substitute the following subparagraph:</p> <p>“(iii) State enterprises listed in Schedule IV;” .</p> <p>B. In paragraph (a)(viii), delete the words “deleting paragraph (n)” and substituting the words “in paragraph (n), by inserting after the word “to”, the words “and occupied by”.</p>
8	<p>In paragraph (b), insert after the words “the new”, the words “in the first place where they occur,”.</p>
9	<p>A. In paragraph (a), in the proposed new subsection (1A), delete the word “sixty” and substitute the word “thirty”.</p> <p>B. In paragraph (b), delete subparagraph (i) and substitute the following new subparagraph:</p> <p>“(i) delete the words “subsection (1)” and substitute the words “subsection (1A)”.”.</p>

10	In paragraph (d), delete the word “a” and substitute the word “the”.
16	A. Insert new paragraph (a):  “(a) in subsection (2), by deleting the word “collected” in the second place it occurs and substituting the word “received”;”.  B. Renumber the paragraphs accordingly.
18	A. In paragraph (a), insert after the word “March”, the words “in the following year”.  B. Delete paragraph (c) and substitute the following:  “(c) in subsection (3), by deleting the word “September” in each place it occurs, and substituting the words “March in the following year”;”.
20	Delete the word “and” before the words “three months”.
21	Insert after the word “Revenue” the word “Officer”.
23	A. Delete the word “2016” and substitute the word “2017”.  B. Insert after the word “2017”, the words “or such later date as the Minister may by Order prescribe”.
24	Delete proposed section 53A and substitute the following new section:  “Minister to amend Schedules 53A. The Minister may by Order amend- (a) Schedule I, subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament; (b) Schedules II and III; and (c) Schedule IV, subject to negative resolution of Parliament.”.
25	In the proposed Schedule IV, insert after the item “Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago”, the following items:  “Chaguanas Borough Corporation Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago”.
New clause 3A inserted	Insert after clause 3, the following new clause:

<p>“Section 3A inserted</p>	<p>3A. The Act is amended by inserting after section 3 the following new section:</p> <p>Building or accommodation to be deemed land</p> <p>3A. Where-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a building occupies separately from other buildings, a location on a single parcel of land, the building shall for the purposes of liability to tax under this Act, be deemed to be land;</li> <li>(b) a single dwelling accommodation is part of a multi-dwelling building each single dwelling accommodation shall, for the purposes of liability to tax under this Act, be deemed to be land; or</li> <li>(c) a single commercial accommodation is part of a multi-owner building each single commercial accommodation shall, for the purposes of liability to tax under this Act, be deemed to be land.”.</li> </ul>
<p>New clause 22A inserted</p>	<p>Insert after clause 22, the following new clause:</p> <p>“Section 40 amended</p> <p>22A. Section 40 of the Act is amended –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) by deleting the words “and tax payable by him” and substituting the words “any tax payable by him”;</li> <li>(b) by deleting the word “landlord” and substituting the word “person”; and</li> </ul>

	(c) by deleting the words “, or to anyone authorised to levy a distress under section 37”.”.
New clause 23A inserted	<p>Insert after clause 23, the following new clause:</p> <p>“Section 23A. Section 53 of the Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2) the following new subsection:</p> <p>amended  “(3) Regulations made under this section shall be subject to negative resolution of Parliament.”.”.</p>
New clause 24A inserted	<p>Insert after clause 24, the following new clause:</p> <p>“Schedule 1 24A. Schedule 1 of the Act is amended –  1 amended  (a) by inserting after the word “Residential”, the word “land”;  (b) by inserting after the word “Commercial”, the word “land”;  (c) by inserting after the word “Industrial” the word “land”; and  (d) by inserting after the word “Agricultural”, the word “land”.</p>

**Senate Secretariat**  
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## **FRIDAY MAY 25, 2018 1:30 P.M.** **NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS**

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Finance:**  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

In light of a recent announcement that the Government intends to build a US\$104 million New Industrial Park at Point Lisas, could the Minister state when the negotiation for this loan facility took place?

2. **To the Minister of National Security:**  
**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister inform this House what new specific measures have been identified emerging out of a meeting with divisional heads held this week to tackle the burning issue of murders and serious crime?

3. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House if lands needed to facilitate the construction of the Curepe Interchange have been acquired by the Government based on the commencement of ancilliary works and the erection road traffic signage?

4. **To the Minister of National Security:**  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister tell us why, after two years in Government and promises made concerning improvements to the Forensics Science Centre, the family of Anita Mohammed had to wait five (5) months for a positive DNA identification of her remains?

5. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

In light of reports indicating that the MV Galleon's Passage has been docked in Panama for the past five days to undergo required modifications, could the Minister state the nature of these modifications and indicate when the vessel will arrive in Trinidad and Tobago?

6. **To the Minister of Health:**  
**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

In view of the recent incident at the Mt. Hope Women's Hospital in which a nurse suffered injury as a result of a partially collapsed ceiling, could the Minister indicate what urgent steps are being taken to assure the structural integrity of this facility?

7. **To the Minister of Trade and Industry:**  
**(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)**

Based on a recent report which stated that rice farmers were unable to cultivate their full acreages as they were owed millions of dollars by the National Flour Mills Limited, could the Minister state how much money is owed to rice farmers by NFM and when would this issue be rectified?

8. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**

In light of the upcoming rainy season, could the Minister inform this House when maintenance drainage works will begin in Central Trinidad in order to mitigate the effects of flooding?

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